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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst
 DATE: July, 2000
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE ... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX Chapter # of finally passed Resolve

UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto
READ AND PASSED Joint Order passed by the House and Senate
PASSED AS AMENDED..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 2493 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation totaling \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine to assist wild blueberry growers to develop alternative water sources.

LD 2497 Resolve, to Ensure Adequate District Court Facilities for Western York County RESOLVE 119

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	S-556
MCALEVEY		S-707 MICHAUD

LD 2497 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in the amount of \$1,200,000 to replace the Springvale District Court. This authorization would have been in addition to the \$3,000,000 previously approved and would be used to meet increased construction costs and provide a small expansion in the size of the facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-556) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" Committee Amendment "A" (S-707) proposed to specify that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may issue additional securities on or after July 1, 2001. This amendment also proposed to strike the appropriation section.

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 1999, chapter 119 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in its own name in the amount of \$1,200,000 on or after July 1, 2001 to replace the Springvale District Court.

LD 2500 An Act to Increase the Marketable Skills of University of Maine System Students ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE	ONTP MAJ	
ROWE	OTP MIN	

LD 2500 proposed to provide a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$7,000,000 and add \$3,000,000 to the University of Maine System's base budget in fiscal year 2000-01 to increase resources for technology for students and to invest in MaineUnet, Mariner and electronic resource expansion.